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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	NO. CR 16-00227-SI
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	UNITED STATES' MOTION TO UNSEAL CASE
	)	AS TO DEFENDANTS ANDREY NIKONOROV,
v.	)	STANISLAV GOLOVANOV AND ALEXANDER
	)	BUYANOV, AND DOCUMENT NOS. 1-7, 9-13,
BTC-E, A/K/A CANTON BUSINESS	)	15, 18-19; [PROPOSED] ORDER
CORPORATION,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
ALEXANDER VINNIK,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

The United States of America ("the government"), through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court to unseal (1) the case against Defendants Andrey Nikonorov, Stanislav Golovanov, and Alexander Buyanov; and (2) Document Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, and 19 in

1 the above-captioned matter. The reason for the unsealing request is as follows:

2 Defendants Nikonorov, Golovanov, and Buyanov

3 When conducting business related to BTC-e, Defendant Alexander Vinnik made efforts to  
 4 conceal his true identity. This included appropriating the identities of Andrey Nikonorov, Stanislav  
 5 Golovanov, and Alexander Buyanov. On May 31, 2016, a federal grand jury returned an Indictment in  
 6 this matter against Defendants BTC-e (a/k/a Canton Business Corporation), Andrey Nikonorov,  
 7 Stanislav Golovanov, Alexander Buyanov, and Alexander Vinnik. Dkt. No. 1. Subsequently, on  
 8 January 17, 2017, the government filed a Superseding Indictment clarifying Vinnik's role in BTC-e,  
 9 which included actions previously attributed to Nikonorov, Golovanov, and Buyanov.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, it  
 10 is no longer necessary for the case against those individuals to be sealed.

11 Docket Nos. 1-7, 9-13, 15, 18-19

12 During a hearing before Hon. Sallie Kim on August 15, 2022, the government moved to unseal  
 13 the case as to Defendants BTC-E and Alexander Vinnik from docket number 20 onward. *See* Dkt. Entry  
 14 No. 22. Docket entries 1 through 19 remained under seal. *Id.* Because at this juncture it is no longer  
 15 necessary for those documents to be sealed, the government hereby moves to unseal them.

16 With respect to the remaining document numbers (8, 14, and 16)<sup>2</sup>, the government will make a  
 17 motion to unseal those documents with certain redactions separately, if appropriate. Accordingly, the  
 18 government requests that those documents shall remain under seal at this time.

19 Respectfully submitted,

20 ISMAIL J. RAMSEY  
 21 United States Attorney

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 23 DATED: June 1, 2023

24 /s/  
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<sup>1</sup> The government previously shared this information with defense counsel.

<sup>2</sup> Document No. 17 was filed in error and removed from the docket.

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

On the motion of the United States, and good cause appearing therefor, the Court HEREBY ORDERS that the case against Defendants Andrey Nikonorov, Stanislav Golovanov, and Alexander Buyanov be unsealed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Document Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, and 19 in the above-captioned matter shall be unsealed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Document Nos. 8, 14, and 16 shall remain sealed at this time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:

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HONORABLE SUSAN ILLSTON  
United States District Judge